

## Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 LONDON 02026 142214Z

11

ACTION SCI-06

INFO OCT-01 EUR-25 ISO-00 NSF-04 COA-02 DLOS-06 AID-20

CEQ-02 CIAE-00 COME-00 DODE-00 EB-11 EPA-04 INR-10

IO-14 L-03 NSC-10 NSAE-00 PM-07 RSC-01 SS-20 SPC-03

FEA-02 SAM-01 OMB-01 TRSE-00 DRC-01 ( ISO ) W

----- 039877

R 141613Z FEB 74

FM AMEMBASSY LONDON

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 7985

INFO AMEMBASSY MOSCOW

AMEMBASSY BONN

AMEMBASSY PARIS

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE LONDON 02026

STATE PASS NSF

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: TECH, TGEN

SUBJECT: UK INTEREST IN DEEP SEA DRILLING PROJECT

1. ON FEBRUARY 8, DR. WILLIAM A. NIERENBERG, DIRECTOR OF SCRIPPS INSTITUTION OF OCEANOGRAPHY AND CHAIRMAN OF THE NATIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON OCEANS AND ATMOSPHERE, ASKED US WHAT THE BRITISH POSITION WAS ON CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE DEEP SEA DRILLING PROJECT THAT WILL BECOME IPOD (INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM OF OCEAN DRILLING) IN MID CY-'75?

2. WE HAVE BEEN IN TOUCH WITH DR. P. F. G. TWINN, DEPUTY SECRETARY (SCIENTIFIC), OF THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT RESEARCH COUNCIL, WHO WAS IN WASHINGTON LOOKING INTO THIS PROJECT AT THE END OF NOVEMBER 1973.

3. DR. TWINN INFORMS US THAT THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 LONDON 02026 142214Z

IS DEEPLY INTERESTED IN THE SCIENTIFIC ASPECTS OF

THE PROJECT BUT IS UNABLE TO MAKE ANY FIRM STATEMENTS ABOUT ITS ABILITY TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE PROJECT DURING A GENERAL ELECTION.

4. DR. TWINN CLEARLY HOPES THAT THE UK WILL CONTRIBUTE A MILLION DOLLARS TO IPOD FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1975.

5. WE AGREED TO BE IN TOUCH IN MID-MARCH IN THE EXPECTATION THAT DR. TWINN WILL HAVE A CLEARER VIEW OF BRITISH INTENTIONS AND CAPABILITIES AT THAT TIME.

6. DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO PASS FOREGOING ANSWERS TO DR. NIERENBERG'S QUESTIONS TO HIM AT LA JOLLA.

ANNENBERG.

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

## Message Attributes

**Automatic Decaptioning:** X  
**Capture Date:** 01 JAN 1994  
**Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Current Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
**Concepts:** DEEP SEA PROBE, OCEAN EXPLORATION, PROGRAMS (PROJECTS)  
**Control Number:** n/a  
**Copy:** SINGLE  
**Draft Date:** 14 FEB 1974  
**Decaption Date:** 01 JAN 1960  
**Decaption Note:**  
**Disposition Action:** RELEASED  
**Disposition Approved on Date:**  
**Disposition Authority:** morefirh  
**Disposition Case Number:** n/a  
**Disposition Comment:** 25 YEAR REVIEW  
**Disposition Date:** 28 MAY 2004  
**Disposition Event:**  
**Disposition History:** n/a  
**Disposition Reason:**  
**Disposition Remarks:**  
**Document Number:** 1974LONDON02026  
**Document Source:** CORE  
**Document Unique ID:** 00  
**Drafter:** n/a  
**Enclosure:** n/a  
**Executive Order:** N/A  
**Errors:** N/A  
**Film Number:** n/a  
**From:** LONDON  
**Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Image Path:**  
**ISecure:** 1  
**Legacy Key:** link1974/newtext/t19740233/aaaabend.tel  
**Line Count:** 77  
**Locator:** TEXT ON-LINE  
**Office:** ACTION SCI  
**Original Classification:** LIMITED OFFICIAL USE  
**Original Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Original Previous Classification:** n/a  
**Original Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Page Count:** 2  
**Previous Channel Indicators:**  
**Previous Classification:** LIMITED OFFICIAL USE  
**Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Reference:** n/a  
**Review Action:** RELEASED, APPROVED  
**Review Authority:** morefirh  
**Review Comment:** n/a  
**Review Content Flags:**  
**Review Date:** 24 APR 2002  
**Review Event:**  
**Review Exemptions:** n/a  
**Review History:** RELEASED <24 APR 2002 by elyme>; APPROVED <06 JUN 2002 by morefirh>  
**Review Markings:**

Declassified/Released  
US Department of State  
EO Systematic Review  
30 JUN 2005

**Review Media Identifier:**  
**Review Referrals:** n/a  
**Review Release Date:** n/a  
**Review Release Event:** n/a  
**Review Transfer Date:**  
**Review Withdrawn Fields:** n/a  
**Secure:** OPEN  
**Status:** NATIVE  
**Subject:** UK INTEREST IN DEEP SEA DRILLING PROJECT  
**TAGS:** TECH, TGEN, US, UK  
**To:** STATE  
**Type:** TE  
**Markings:** Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005